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ACTION PLAN ON SOIL CONSERVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any action-plan at national level for soil conservation in view of growing salinity of agricultural land in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing the following schemes of soil and water conservation including treatment of salt affected soils for improving land productivity:

i. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA).

ii. Schemes of Soil Conservation for enhancing productivity of degraded land incatchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR).

iii. Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA).

iv. Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS)

Regarding salt affected soils, including saline soils, the Central Soil SalinityResearch Institute (CSSRI),Karnal, under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is undertaking research on methodology for reclamation of salt affected soils inthe country. The technologies developed at this institute are being transferred to the respective State Governments, Land Development Corporations and the farmers for their adoption at the field level.